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PROJECT CEASEFIRE
**KC, RAYTOWN, INDEPENDENCE, ST. JOSEPH RESIDENTS
AMONG 13 INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that 13 area residents were indicted by a federal grand jury today, in separate and unrelated cases, for illegally possessing firearms and ammunition. The indictments, Graves said, are part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

* **Nathan O. Kirby**, 19, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon and drug user in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Kirby**, having a previous felony conviction, illegally possessed a Professional Ordnance rifle and 90 rounds of .233-caliber ammunition on May 31, 2005. Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Kirby** also was an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm on May 31, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon or user or addict of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges that **Kirby** was an unlawful user of marijuana at the time he possessed the firearm.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Clay County Drug Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Mark S. Attebury**, 46, of St. Joseph, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of three firearms.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Attebury**, having a previous felony conviction, illegally possessed a Llama .45-caliber pistol on Sept. 9, 2005. Count Two of the

federal indictment alleges that **Attebury** possessed a Hi-Point .40-caliber rifle and a Hi-Point 9 mm rifle on Sept. 21, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by the St. Joseph, Mo., Police Department, NITRO (the Northwest Missouri Interagency Team Response Operation) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Mark B. Davidson**, 42, of St. Joseph, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Davidson**, having a previous felony conviction, illegally possessed a Hi-Point .380-caliber pistol on Jan. 27, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph W. Vanover. It was investigated by the St. Joseph, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Joseph D. Rogers**, 39, of Kansas City, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Rogers**, having a previous felony conviction, illegally possessed a Mossberg Master Mag 20-gauge shotgun on Sept. 13, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Stefan C. Hughes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Thomas C. Finley**, 42, of Kansas City, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of ammunition.

The federal indictment alleges that **Finley**, having a previous felony conviction, illegally possessed 50 rounds of 9 mm Luger ammunition and 59 rounds of .22 caliber ammunition on Sept. 5, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Jeffrey Andrew Martin**, 28, of Kansas City, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Martin**, having a previous felony conviction, illegally possessed a Glock .40-caliber pistol on Feb. 5, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph W. Vanover. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Nathan C. Stewart**, 27, of Raytown, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Stewart**, having a previous felony conviction, illegally possessed a Bersa Thunder .380-caliber pistol on Aug. 9, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Lee's Summit, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Leon Simmons**, 42, of Kansas City, also known as Pookey, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

The federal indictment alleges that **Simmons**, having a previous felony conviction, illegally possessed a Westernfield 12-gauge shotgun with ammunition on Feb. 18, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christina Y. Tabor. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Kansas Probation and Parole, Missouri Probation and Parole and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Lee A. Peters**, 39, of Kansas City, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of three firearms.

The federal indictment alleges that **Peters**, having a previous felony conviction, illegally possessed a Bersa .380-caliber pistol, a Winchester 12-gauge shotgun and a Stevens .410-gauge shotgun on Jan. 31, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Robert L. Henderson**, 27, of Kansas City, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Henderson**, having a previous felony conviction, illegally possessed a Sturm Ruger .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol on Sept. 14, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Joseph D. Rogers**, 39, of Kansas City, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Rogers**, having a previous felony conviction, illegally possessed a Mossberg 20-gauge shotgun on Sept. 13, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Stefan C. Hughes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Wendy M. Parks**, 27, of Independence, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury with being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a stolen firearm.

Count One of the indictment alleges that **Parks** was an unlawful user of methamphetamine in possession of a Cobray M12 pistol between Dec. 1, 2003, and Jan. 27, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any user or addict of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that the Cobray M12 pistol was stolen.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph W. Vanover. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Anthony M. Aguilar**, 41, of Independence, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury with being subject of a court order to be in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Aguilar**, a subject of a valid court order, illegally possessed a Stevens 12-gauge shotgun and an Ithaca 12-gauge shotgun on Sept. 17, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any subject of a court order to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christina Y. Tabor. It was

investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Jeffery A. Roland**, 30, of Kansas City, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury with illegally possessing a “sawed-off” shotgun.

The federal indictment alleges that **Roland** illegally possessed a Western Field .410-gauge weapon made from a shotgun that had an overall length of less than 26 inches and a barrel length of less than 18 inches that was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

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Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these indictments are simply accusations and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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